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Applicant: Michael Putnam et al.) Group Art Unit: 1771
Serial No.: 09/475,544) Confirmation No.: 6475
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Filaments)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed November 26, 2002, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer referencing parent patent application Serial No. 09/287,673. In the Action, the Examiner rejected a number of the pending claims for obviousness-type double patenting, and by submission of the enclosed Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection may be withdrawn.


Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's formal allowance of claims 76-92.

In view of the foregoing, formal allowance of all of the pending claims is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

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